

Art Commission Review – Submittal Form

(Applicant complete below section)

Project Name: Port Richmond's Nocturnal Neighbors

Project Address: 2535 E Allegheny Ave **On Public Property?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Total Budget: 6500 **Utilizing City Funds?** ☐ Yes (specify amount): _____ ☒ No

Project Type (check all that apply):

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| ☐ Building – New Construction or Addition | ☐ Encroachment in/over ROW |
| ☐ Building – Renovation or Repair | ☐ Signage (Reconsideration) |
| ☐ Plaza/Park/Playground | ☐ Streetery (Reconsideration) |
| ☒ Public Art | ☐ Other: _____ |

Project Team:

Agency/Org.: Skype a Scientist Design Lead (firm): Skype a Scientist/ Kristin S

Other: This is a collaboration between the Friends of Campbell Square Park and Skype a Scientist

Primary Contact for Project Communications:

Name: Sarah McAnulty

Affiliation: Skype a Scientist

Email: [REDACTED]

(Art Commission staff complete below section)

Art Commission Meeting Date of Project Review: 9/9/26

Level of Review:

☐ Concept Review ☒ Final Review If Final, specify date of preceding Concept Review: _____

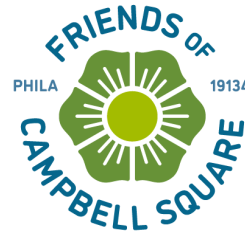
☐ Administrative Review (for projects with minimal visual impact on public realm)

Staff Notes (Optional):

First commission review date, appearing for final review



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August 25, 2026

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To the Philadelphia Art Commission:

The Friends of Campbell Square, in collaboration with local science education nonprofit Skype a Scientist are seeking approval for an environmental mural project on the park house building located in Campbell Square.

The Friends of Campbell Square have been making ongoing efforts, with the support of the surrounding community, to make Campbell Square a more hospitable place for native wildlife and a more beautiful place for our human neighbors to enjoy and connect with each other. In collaboration with Skype a Scientist in the spring of 2026, the two orgs co-hosted an educational Native Plant Extravaganza, wherein residents could come pick up free native plants to plant at their residences. Neighbors volunteered to plant over 100 native plant plugs in garden beds in the park.

City Councilmember Mike Driscoll and State Representative Joe Hohenstein are both in support of installing a mural in Campbell Square Park and we have received over 150 positive responses to our survey about the proposed design from our neighbors which was dispersed in person at the park and online.

The proposed mural will continue the work of educating neighbors about our local biodiversity, while beautifying the park structure. The proposed artwork would feature 3 charismatic moth species native to Philadelphia; the Nais Tiger Moth, Luna Moth, and Polyphemus Moth.

In winter of 2026, 45 Philadelphia artists responded to an open call for environmental education murals with Skype a Scientist. Those 130 artists were presented to a panel of community members who narrowed that list of 45 to 8. The broader community voted on artists based on their portfolios of work. Kristin Scholz was one of the finalists for this selection process, along

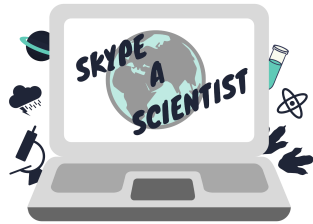


with Tegan Belitta (who we are pursuing a lightning bug mural with), and Nick D'Auria (who we completed a mural with earlier in 2026).

- The construction project.
 - There will be no construction necessary for the mural, it will be installed on an existing structure
- The site where the art will be installed.
 - The site will be the Park House in the center of Campbell Square Park
- The mural is fully funded and being donated by Skype a Scientist
- The project is being sponsored by The Philadelphia Parks and Rec Department who owns the building, with a an upkeep agreement between PPR, Friends of Campbell Square and Skype a Scientist.
 - The maintenance agreement outlines that Friends of Campbell Square will keep the mural free of graffiti and repair any minor issues. Skype a Scientist and Friends of Campbell Square will work together to cover any costs for any re-painting that is needed.
 - Friends of Campbell Square agrees to paint the park house back to the original color if for some reason the mural is not able to be repaired.

Current condition of building:



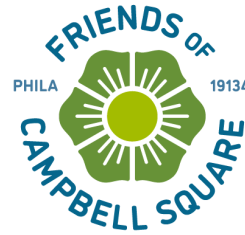


Proposed mural: After receiving feedback from neighbors, this has been revised add more color and a lightning bug which was a commonly requested addition!

Campbell Square: Moth Mural Proposal



Designed by Kristin Scholz



Materials: The mural will be sprayed on, to accommodate for the textured surface of the building facade. The mural will be coated with an anti-graffiti coating that will allow Skype a Scientist staff or the park group to easily remove any tags that arise without harming the underlying art.

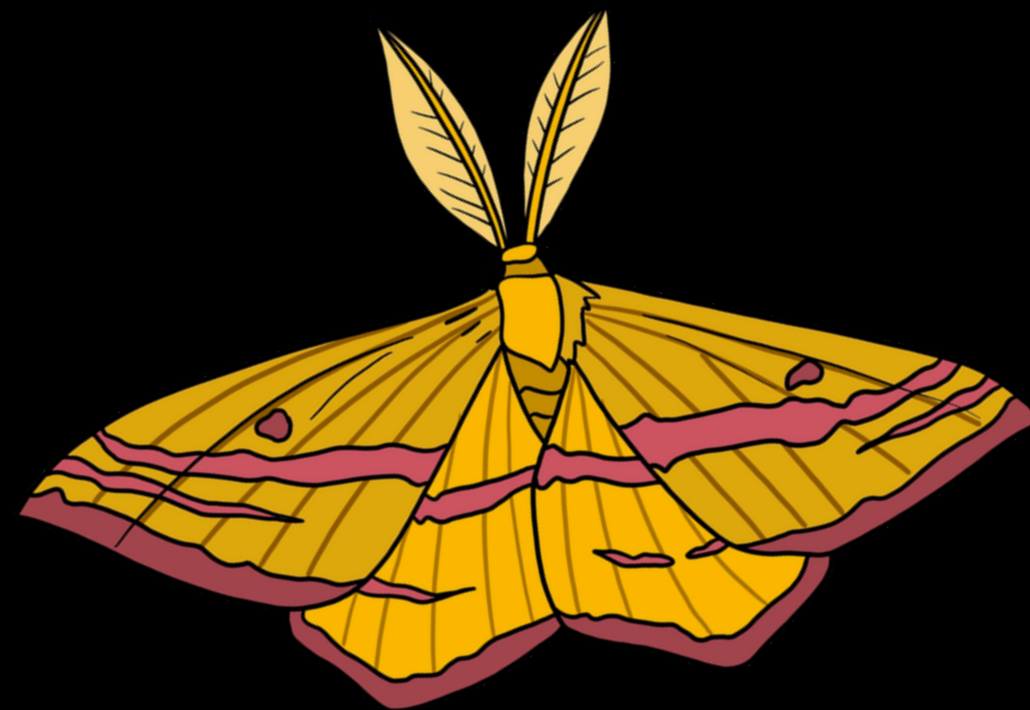
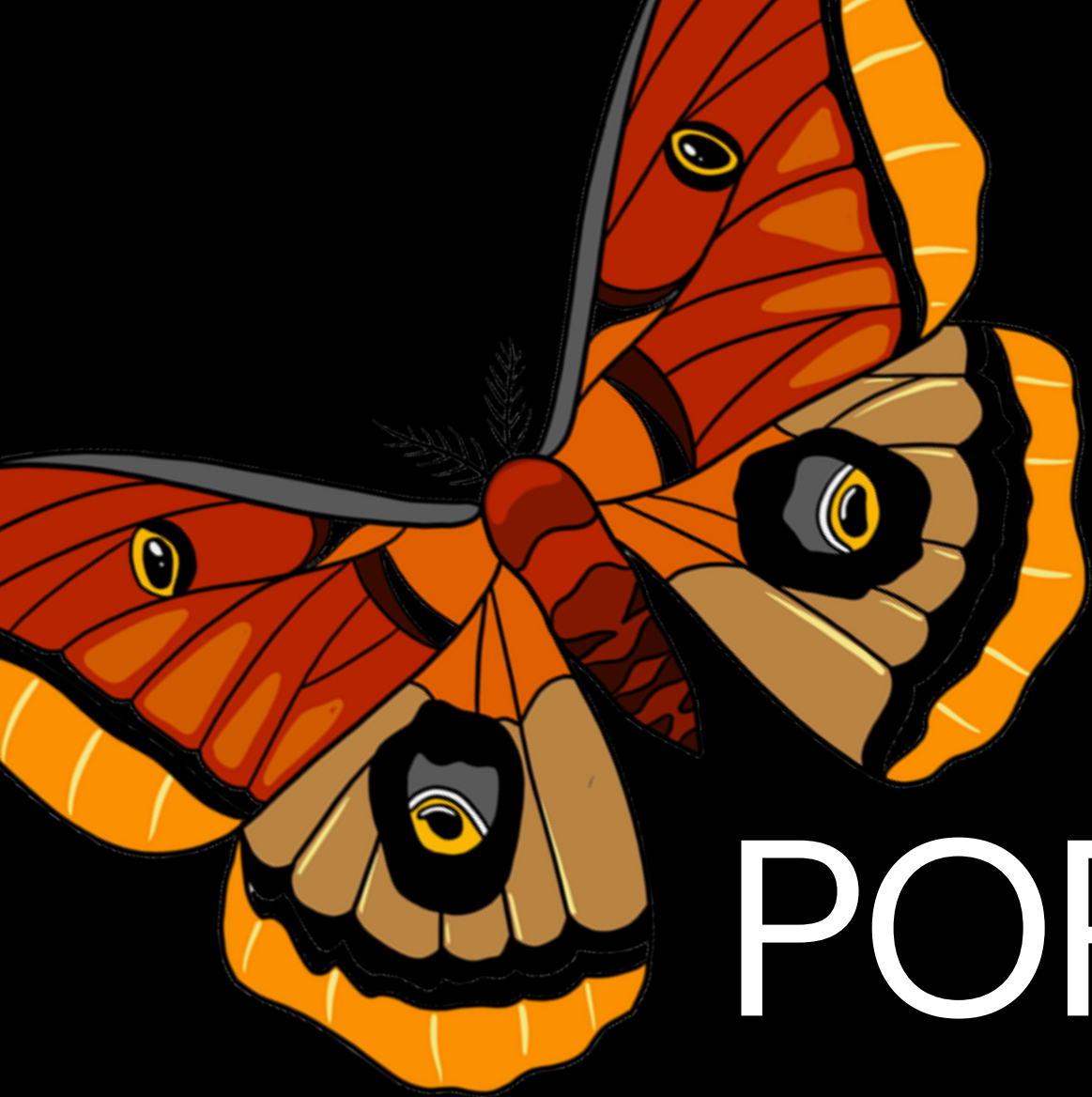
Supporting materials

If you plan to place privately-owned art on City property, you must show proof of approval from the department that controls the site.

Best fishes,

Sarah McAnulty, PhD.
Executive Director
Skype a Scientist

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PORT RICHMOND'S NOCTURNAL NEIGHBORS



PHILADELPHIA ART COMMISSION
SEPT 9, 2026



EXPERIENCE WITH MURALS & COMMUNITY



OUR PARTNERSHIP

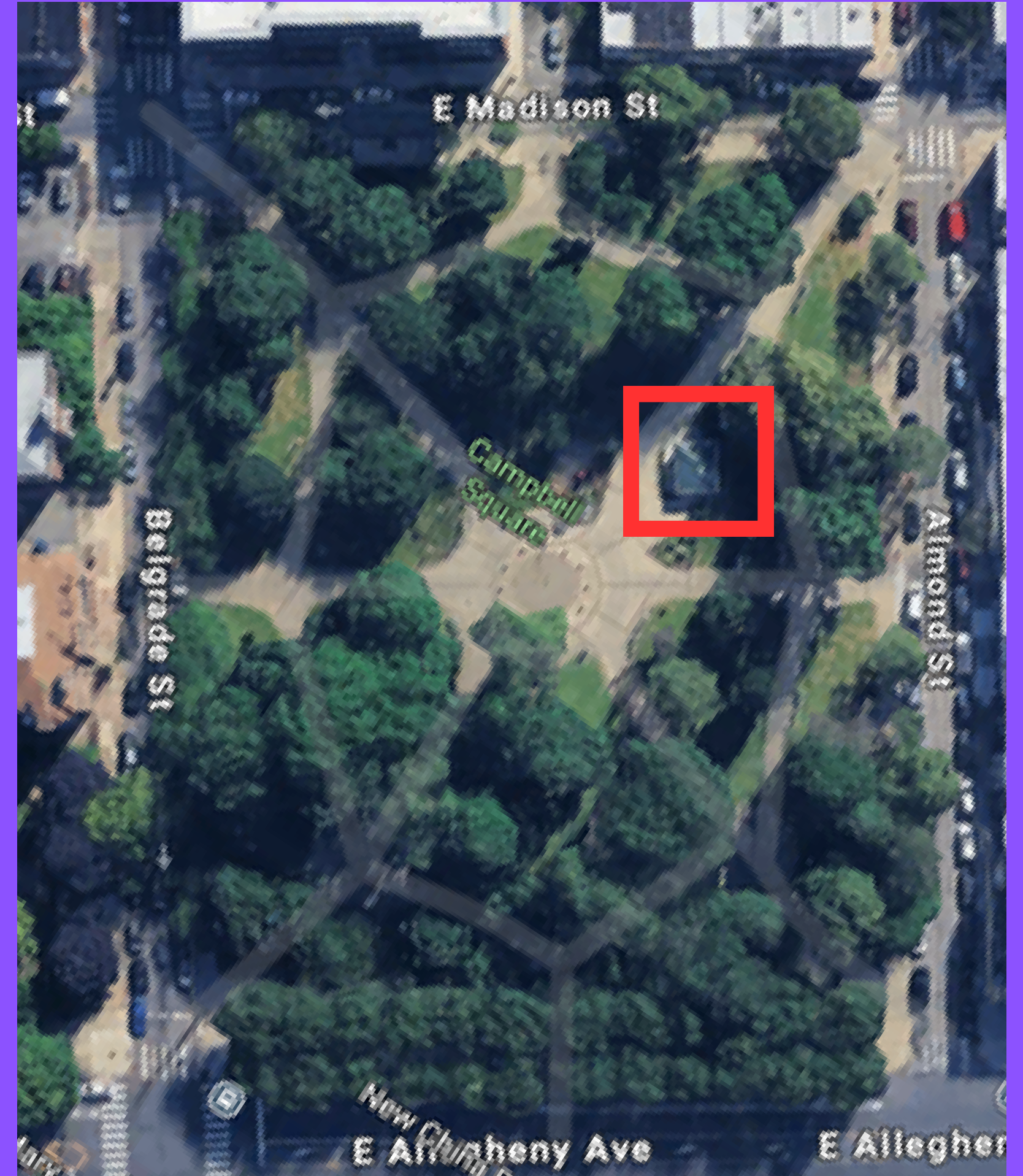
- **Skype a Scientist** is a science education nonprofit connecting Philadelphia with our ecosystem via events and public art
- **The Friends of Campbell Square** are a volunteer group dedicated to supporting the park

Our Orgs have been working together to support biodiversity in the park via plants and educational events



THE LOCATION

- Campbell Square Park's bathroom/storage shed



PROJECT GOALS

- Beautify the park
- Educate neighbors about our local ecosystem
- Inspire people to support Philly biodiversity



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Asked for opinions in the park
 - Talked with 75 neighbors on a Sunday morning in July
- Expanded the feedback online
 - 125 additional neighbors provided feedback

Neighbors were excited about the prospect of a mural and supportive of the colorful design



INITIAL DESIGN



Features 3 moth species native to Port Richmond, and the plants that they rely on

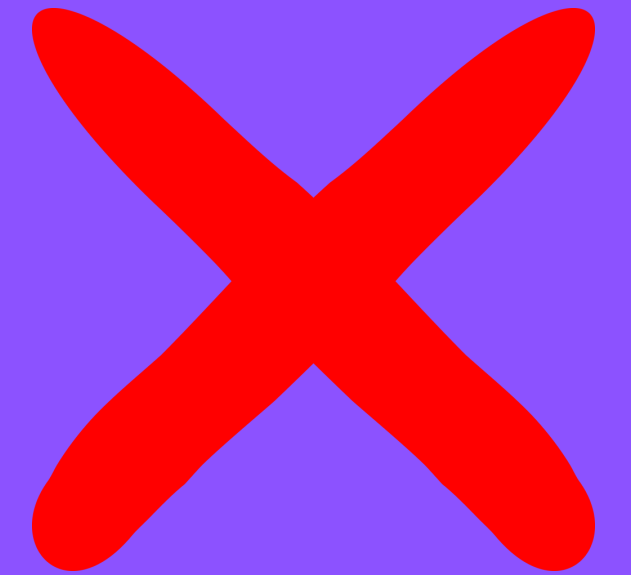
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Philly artist with 6 years of public art experience



NEIGHBOR FEEDBACK

- Include a Lightning Bug
- Tiger moths look too much like lanternflies
- Please plant native plants next to the mural
- Please host an event
- Please provide coloring pages
- Brighten the background



FINAL DESIGN



NEXT STEPS

- Host mural-themed garden party
 - Moth face painting, free coloring books, native plant seeds
- Create educational coloring book
- (pending approval) paint the mural!



Coloring book will include mural images, along with other nocturnal animals

MURAL MAINTENANCE

- We will coat the mural with an anti-graffiti coating
- Skype a Scientist will provide the Friends of Campbell Square Park with graffiti remover
- Coating allows for very easy removal of graffiti without harming underlying art



HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

